

Environmental Education Training for K-2nd Grade Teachers

Thursday, October 22, 4pm-8pm

Dow's Prairie Elementary School, McKinleyville

Cost: FREE!

This workshop will use Dow's Prairie's Schoolyard Habitat educational wetland as a model for engaging kindergarten through 2nd grade students in place-based environmental education.

Participants will:

- Learn about the USFWS Schoolyard Habitat and what makes Dow's Prairie's wetland such a special place
- Be trained to use the Growing Up WILD activity guide and receive your own free copy
- Be trained to use the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) Curriculum and choose two free units
- Learn how to connect with local environmental education resources through the CREEC Network

This workshop will be facilitated by:

Nanette Kelley, McKinleyville Land Trust

Jennifer Ortega, HSU Faculty, Department of Environmental Science and Management

Elizabeth Soto, Project WILD Facilitator

Allison Poklemba, North Coast CREEC Network and Project WILD Coordinator, HSU Redwood Science Project

To Register:

Email allison@creec.org
with your Name, School,
Grade taught, and
Phone number

Questions?

Call Allison Poklemba:
826-4478 ext. 3



In 2008, the McKinleyville Land Trust acquired a seasonal wetland adjacent to Dow's Prairie Elementary School. A major part of the cost of restoring the wetland was paid for with a grant from the US Fish & Wildlife Service under its **Schoolyard Habitat Program** to provide an outdoor classroom for Dow's Prairie School. This training will help teachers find ways to integrate the pond and its many features into the school curriculum.



projectwild.org/growingupwild

Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children is an early childhood education activity guide that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, it provides a foundation for developing positive impressions about nature while also building lifelong social and cognitive skills.



The Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) is a free, state-sponsored K-12 curriculum that teaches science and history-social science standards through an environmental lens.

Environment-based instruction makes learning relevant and fun for students by engaging them in topics they care about – the air they breathe, the water they drink, and the food they eat. EEI helps students understand their relationship to the environment while preparing them to be critical thinkers and 21st century problem solvers. californiaeei.org



californiaeei.org/region1